

## CLAIMS

1. Method of painting a substrate with an emulsion paint comprising spherical polymer particles, characterized in that the emulsion paint is applied in a semi-opaque layer over an opaque layer of a first coating, and in that the spherical polymer particles in the emulsion paint show a particle size distribution in which 3 – 10 % of the particles have an average particle size between 63 – 90 micrometers and 25 – 40 % have a particle size between 40 – 63 micrometers.
2. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the opaque and the semi-opaque layers are of a corresponding colour.
3. Method according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the opaque layer is made of an aqueous pigmented primer comprising an acrylic binder.
4. Method according to claim 1, 2, or 3, characterized in that the top coat is applied by brush in cross-way fashion.
5. Method according to claim 1, 2, or 3, characterized in that the top coat is applied by roller and that subsequently a tool is used comprising a flat side provided with fibrous material, preferably of stiff parallel projecting fibres such as synthetic grass fibres, and in that the fibrous flat side is dragged over the freshly applied top coat.
6. Substrate provided with a multi-layer effect coating applied by a method according to any one of the preceding claims.
7. Emulsion paint composition comprising spherical polymer particles, characterized in that 3 – 10% of the spherical particles have a particle size between 63 – 90 micrometers and 25 – 40% of the spherical particles have a particle size between 40 – 63 micrometers.

8. Paint composition according to claim 7, characterized in that at least a portion of the spherical particles are polyurethane particles.
- 5 9. Paint composition according to claim 7 or 8, characterized in that the specific density of the particles is between 0.8 – 1.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
10. Paint composition according to claim 7, 8, or 9, characterized in that the spherical particles are pre-pigmented.
- 10 11. Paint composition according to any one of claims 7 – 10, characterized in that the paint comprises wood fibres with a length between 25 – 35 microns.
- 15 12. Set of paint products comprising a semi-opaque emulsion paint according to any one of claims 7 - 11 and an opaque aqueous acrylic coating composition of a corresponding colour.
- 20 13. Set of paint products according to claim 12, characterized in that the set includes a tool with a flat side provided with fibrous material.